

Dear Friends,

April, 2013

St. Philip's Church has survived the winter and is in very good condition thanks to the support from all of you! Thank You!!

Terry, Mark, and Matt Wolfe repaired and maintained the Fuel Oil Boilers last Fall in time for the heating season. By mid-January they then installed a new Natural Gas Boiler which operated efficiently and very adequately. The material cost of their efforts came to around \$8000.00. Their Labor cost was \$0.00! This saved us thousands! The Natural Gas expense for the two coldest months was approximately \$1100.00. This is very encouraging! Jeff Michek provided us with a substantial amount of Fuel Oil to get us through, and also at \$0.00. Another large savings! We still have two of the Fuel Oil boilers for backup and about 400 gallons of Fuel in reserve. Steve McGuire has checked on the church almost daily to monitor the temperature and watch for water leaks. He saves us from unnecessary heating expense. We will be installing a programmable thermostat for additional efficiency.

Steve's daughter Kari and Gail Richgels have produced a picture/video DVD and sold them at the St. Pat's Dinner for a fundraiser. We are now accepting historical pictures from anyone to add to this DVD from such celebrations as weddings, anniversaries, First Communion, etc... You may send or email them to us.

Charlie and Lynn Scullion have donated a gas kitchen stove. They help plan and organize activities and also do a lot of cleaning. Mike Esser donated an original building stone for display.

Eldon Esser and others are again volunteering to take care of the lawn around the church and rectory. Several people also kept the snow shoveled as needed.

Tom Riley has painted and plastered several times for us, this is helping preserve the interior's integrity.

Help for Cleaning, decorating, and planning activities is appreciated. To all the other volunteers, not mentioned, you are also appreciated and important to our success. All donations are used for our preservation efforts.

"Mark your Calendars". Our next Mass is scheduled for this summer, Sunday June 9, 2013 at 1:30PM. We have invited Msgr. Delbert Schmelzer and Fr. Ken to be our Celebrants. Food and beverages will be available. Please pass the word! Our goal is for everyone to have an enjoyable day and to help prepare for the next heating season.

On behalf of The St. Philip Preservation Association, thanks again to all of you for your support.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or ideas. We can be reached at: <a href="mailto:stphilippreservation@charter.net">stphilippreservation@charter.net</a> or at:

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We hope to see you June 9<sup>th</sup>!